



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

Community Planning & Physical Services Committee
Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Room 312
July 17, 2019, 8:00 AM

Minutes

In attendance: Ben Wenograd (Chair), Chris Barnes, Shari Cantor, Dallas Dodge, Liam Sweeney, Matt Hart, Helen Rubino-Turco, Marc Blanchard, Mark McGovern, Duane Martin, Todd Dumais.

Invited Guests: Mark Baral, Jeff Cianflone, Scott Franklin Ronit Shoham,

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Wenograd called the meeting to order at 8:00AM.

2. **Business Items:**

a. **Ordinance Permitting Sponsorship Signs in Municipal Parks:**

Matt Hart reviewed the history of the proposed ordinance with the committee. The proposed ordinance sought to permit temporary sponsorship signage in municipal parks at the request of various youth sports athletic leagues to assist in fundraising efforts. The ordinance was set for public hearing during the October 2018 Town Council meeting and later withdrawn at the December 2018 meeting by the Town Manager after a unanimous denial recommendation from the Town Plan and Zoning Commission.

Town Manager Hart wanted to review the concerns of the TPZ and invited members of the league and representatives of TPZ to participate in the committee meeting. Due to scheduling conflicts, there were no TPZ representatives.

Members of the league explained their initial requests for signage, the purpose of the signage, the financial budget and constraints and other aspects of the leagues, which would all be positively impacted by the adoption of the ordinance. Members from the league provided clarification on their request and highlighted the timeline of the ordinance.

Committee members and staff reviewed research and discussed requirements in surrounding communities, noting that many self-exempt themselves from zoning. Other towns have similar ordinances but do not enforce them. Todd Dumais elaborated on the concerns of the TPZ Commission.

The committee understands this is a time-sensitive item. The item will be carried as old business at its next meeting. Staff will work with TPZ and secure a date for their attendance.

3. **Communications:** The committee received the June 19, 2019 meeting minutes.

4. **Staff Reports:**

- a. **Community Development-**Town Engineer Duane Martin provided an update on two bridges. The contractor is on board for the Braeburn/Culvert Bridge, a rehabilitation project. Funding is in place for North Main Street. The design is complete and will be go out to bid shortly. The project should be completed this construction season.

He discussed detours on Park Road. Majority of the disruptive work should be completed by August. Final paving will done at night.

Staff would like to repave a number of Center roads, which are distressed. More information about the streets and conditions will be shared at a future meeting.

MDC plans to increase the water main work it does in Town.

- 5. **Adjournment:** With no further business, Chairman Wenograd adjourned the meeting at 9:24 AM.